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Shoppers will be able to park for free in three Northampton car parks on every Saturday during August.

The St John's, St Michael's and Mayorhold car parks will be free for each of the five Saturdays this month, trialing a "major new car parking initiative" launched by Northampton Borough Council.

Sundays will continue to be free and the free parking for one hour during the week will now be extended to two hours.

The trial will run from August 1-31, and will then be evaluated to assess the impact of the scheme, and to decide if it will be continued in the future.

Council leader, Councillor David Mackintosh (*Con, Rectory Farm*), said: "We're committed to providing convenient, safe and reasonably-priced parking to help businesses,

attract visitors and improve the local economy.

"We hope that everyone will take advantage of this free car parking trial and enjoy the great shops, restaurants and cultural events that our town has to offer."

Councillor Tim Hadland, (*Con, Old Duston*), cabinet member for regeneration, said: "We're always looking for opportunities to improve the town centre for visitors and businesses as that is one of our top priorities. Parking is an issue that is often raised with us by local companies and it is something we have been working with the Town Centre BID on for some time."

Later this year, new graphic signs will be installed on the main entrance roads to the town centre, directing drivers to the closest and most convenient spaces, and providing information on availability.



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Brewer Alaric Neville (right) shows borough council leader, David Mackintosh, around the building in Kingswell Street, off Bridge Street

Well-known beer ready to return to original brewery

A name associated with Northampton for generations is due to return to the town when a new Phipps brewery is opened.

The original Phipps brewery in Northampton closed in 1974 and the firm's famous India Pale Ale (IPA) disappeared from the county's bars.

The company was revived in 2008, however, by Northamptonshire-born Alaric Neville, with Phipps beer being made in Rutland.

He now plans to restore an empty brewery building once used by Phipps, in Kingswell Street, and bring the company back to the town.

He said: "It means a lot to me to bring Phipps back to Northampton."

"When we come back here, we'll put back what was taken away from the town and a name that reflects part of what it is to be Northampton."

The plan will see an empty brewery building in Kingswell Street restored at a cost of more than £1 million.

When it is re-opened, the brewery will also feature a bar where people will be able to



Jeremy Phipps outside his family's old brewery site

drink the beer they have seen being made.

Mr Neville said: "The brewing of all Phipps products will be moved here. IPA is the big seller."

"That's what the company's famous for, but we'll also produce lots of other beers."

"And this place will be able to produce an awful lot of barrels. It will be the second big-

gest brewery in the county, after Carlsberg. And the great thing is, people in the bar will be able to see the pint they're drinking being made."

"There's nowhere else in the area where you can do that."

It is hoped work to re-open the brewery will start in September and it could be completed before Christmas.

Mr Neville said: "The building is going back to exactly what it was."

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MP bows out after a

MP Brian Binley said going to Westminster had been a "wonderful adventure", but revealed he would not seek re-election for a third term. The Northamptonshire businessman was elected in 2005 and won his Northampton South seat for the Conservatives again in 2010.

This week, however, the 71-year-old revealed he would not stand in the 2015 General Election.

He said: "I'll be 73 at the next election and I'll have had a wonderful 10 years. It's been a great adventure, but I've decided that at my age, 10 years is enough."

The MP also announced he was in remission from cancer, but insisted his illness had no influence on his decision not to stand for re-election.

He said: "This has no connection with the cancer at all. It's something I've been mulling over for several years."

Discussing his treatment for non-Hodgkin's lymphoma at Northampton General Hospital, he added: "I'm now in remission."

"I've got to have another scan, but it's all good news."



"I've been treated extremely well at Northampton General and I have nothing but

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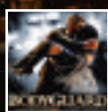
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'great adventure'

MP has been made vice-chairman of the Government's Business, Innovation and Skills Committee and an executive member of the 1922 Committee of backbench MPs.

He said he had no regrets about not rising higher in Government, arguing his age stood against him.

He said: "I have no regrets whatsoever. I honestly think as I entered Parliament at 63, that ruled me out of any high position."

Mr Binley has been an outspoken critic of both David Cameron and George Osborne during his time in Parliament, but as he announced his decision not to stand again, he was full of praise for the Prime Minister.

He said: "David Cameron is without doubt, the best leader in the House of Commons."

"His command of the chamber is second to none."

He also defended his own style, adding: "I think the people of Northampton like somebody who has the courage to stand up for their beliefs and I think they'd say while they don't always agree with what I say, they quite like how I go about saying it."



Council leader steps into battle for the vacant seat

THE leader of Northampton Borough Council has announced his intention to fight for the Northampton South Parliamentary seat.

Just hours after Brian Binley announced last week that he would not stand for re-election in 2015, the 33-year-old leader of the borough council, Councillor David Mackintosh (Con, Rectory Farm) announced

he hoped to be picked by the Conservatives to fight for the seat. He said: "To avoid months of speculation, I'm confirming that I intend to put my name forward for selection."

Councillor Mackintosh has led the borough council since 2011. The Conservative party hopes to have selected a candidate by the end of December.

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Pet owners' fears over 'tortoise thief'

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Yet another tortoise owner contacted the our sister paper, the *Chronicle & Echo* to reveal how her 39-year-old pet, named Timmy, had been seemingly swiped from her mother's back garden.

Katie Stewart's family have had Timmy since the tortoise was just six months old, but it vanished from Rawley Crescent, in Duston, last Tuesday morning.

The 31-year-old said: "At first we thought she had just got out, but then we saw the other two tortoises had been stolen. We are really worried about her."

The latest disappearance comes after two more tortoises also vanished - both in the same area of Duston - sparking fears a tortoise thief was targeting pets in the area.



Fred (pictured) went missing from a garden in Kenilworth Close

A 33-year-old brown tortoise, named Ben Nevis, was taken from a pen in a garden in Mendip Road, some time between 6pm on Sunday, June 9, and 6pm on Tuesday, June 11. It remains missing.

Police have already said the theft could be linked to the mystery disappearance of another tortoise, called Fred,

aged 40, which went missing from a house in Kenilworth Close, also in Duston, on Friday, June 7.

Its owners feared it had been stolen but, happily, Fred was later found close to its home a short while after being reported missing.

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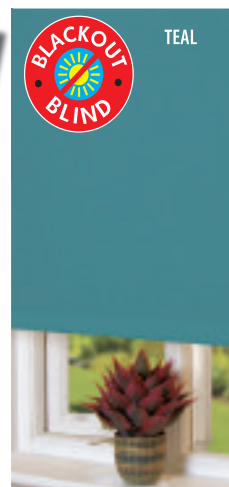


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Concern over plans for 1,000 new homes

Residents of Hardingstone have expressed concern about plans to build 1,000 new houses between the village and the Brackmills industrial estate.

South Northamptonshire MP, Andrea Leadsom, attended a meeting in the village last week to hear people's fears.

She said: "We all know we've got a huge housing shortage in the UK and we need more housing, but Northamptonshire has been completely overwhelmed with housing in

previous years.

"So often, housing springs up and infrastructure has not kept up with it.

"But infrastructure and development have to go hand in hand.

"We have terrible traffic problems in Northampton, largely because of the speed and rate of development.

"And this development planned for Hardingstone is enormous."

A planning application for the Hardingstone site was submitted to Northamp-

ton Borough Council by the Government-backed Homes and Communities Agency in March.

During last week's public meeting, Mrs Leadsom heard concerns about the loss of the green fields the houses would be built on and the impact of traffic on the area.

She pledged to pass the concerns to the local government minister, Eric Pickles.

The council is due to decide whether the development should be allowed by the end of September.

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Wrestler grapples with Olympic dream

A teenage wrestler from Northampton is hoping to represent Team GB in the next Olympic Games.

Mohammed Fatahi, aged 16, recently beat the current European champion in his weight category and is training hard to become part of the GB wrestling squad travelling to Rio in 2016.

The Moulton School pupil, who was born in Iran, goes to the gym two to three times a week and does three-hour wrestling sessions where he does up to 500 press-ups.

He said: "I'm hoping to make it into the British Olympic team. My coaches say I've got a good technique, but I need to work on my upper-body strength."

"I believe everything in life is possible if you work hard."

The teenager has been wrestling since he was 12 years old, after he went to a wrestling club and found he enjoyed it.

Mohammed said: "I really



liked it and I started getting fitter and stronger and began to win more medals.

"I'm going to be focusing on my wrestling for the next few years."

"If I can get into the Olympic team, I will get to train with professional coaches."

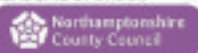
Despite committing himself to wrestling, Mohammed said he had still managed to focus on his school studies and was recently given a certificate by Moulton School for being the 'most improved student.'

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Bus company is pulling out of town

The First bus company is in talks to withdraw all its services from Northampton.

The firm says it is still officially consulting with unions over closing the First Northampton depot in St James Road, St James, and cutting its two remaining bus routes, the 2 and 4, serving Rectory Farm and Obelisk Rise.

Staff who contacted our sister paper, the *Chronicle & Echo*, said drivers were told last week they would be made redundant on August 8.

A First spokeswoman said the Northampton operation had been struggling financially for a number of reasons.

She said: "First's Northampton depot has been a concern for a number of years, and the company is now faced with extra cost pressures due to the economic climate, high fuel prices and cuts in external funding."

First said it had explored alternatives to closure, including selling its operations and transferring employees to other operators but said that "unfortunately these were unsuccessful".

First Northampton employs 45 people, some of whom



First Northampton depot in St James is to be sold

may be transferred to other First depots, and runs 17 buses. As well as the two public routes – reduced from seven in May – it also runs two school contracts, which have terminated this week with the end of academic year.

Nigel Barrett, regional

managing director, said he was "confident" another operator would step in to take over all the services First currently runs: "I'm truly sorry that we are having to consider withdrawing services in Northampton and the possibility of redundancies as well as the closure of the depot. However, we have been running these services in Northampton at a loss for some time."

A spokeswoman for Northamptonshire County Council said the 4 route would be covered by the Stagecoach service no 15 from September 2, meaning a fortnight's overlap.

And the 2 route would be covered by Stagecoach's own number 2 service. However for the first two weeks the section from Lumbertubs to the end of Billing Brook Road would not be covered.

The whole site is available freehold and commercial agent Ripleys says there is potential for retail, residential or mixed use, subject to planning consent.

Depot is attractive for buyers in key area

THE bus depot could become a key gateway to the Enterprise Zone.

It is the only Enterprise Zone plot in St James Road, St James, and a new development could link this major thoroughfare to parts of the zone behind Franklin's Gardens.

The site itself will no doubt be an attractive proposition to potential buyers.

It is within Northampton's Enterprise Zone, which means it will benefit from simpler planning rules and tax breaks.

It is also a sizeable area of land (12,700 sq metres) and very near Northampton train station, making it handy for potential businesses to attract commuters.

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Self-published book is a New York bestseller

An erotic fiction author from Northampton has become a bestselling writer in the USA after self-publishing her first book.

Jodi Ellen Malpas, of Cliftonville, has been hailed as the next E.L. James after her novel called *This Man* sold more than 250,000 eBook copies.

The 33-year-old has now signed a six-figure deal with a US publisher and is currently editing a paperback version of her novel, which is part of a trilogy.

Mrs Malpas said: "At the moment it is all a bit of a whirlwind. I've had three books published and on Sunday my novel hit number one on the New York bestsellers list. It's all going a bit crazy."

Mrs Malpas, who lives with her husband and two children, now concentrates on writing full-time but used to work for her father's block paving firm.

She said: "When I published the book I had no expectations. I would have been



Erotic fiction writer Jodi Ellen Malpas

happy if just 100 people had read it and loved it.

"A few people bought my book in the US and then last November it just snowballed with people emailing me messages and the reviews started to accumulate."

Mrs Malpas was then put in the fortunate position of being able to choose an agent from a list of top New York agencies which wanted to sign her up.

The *This Man* trilogy follows the exploits of Jesse Ward, a handsome Lord of the Manor and a young female interior designer Ava O'Shea brought in to work on

the property.

Mrs Malpas, who attended Weston Favell Upper School, said she was not particularly interested in English at school but decided to write the story after it "landed in her brain".

She said: "The story was building up after some time but I didn't get the chance to write due to everyday life getting in the way."

"It lay dormant for a while until it got to the point where it was so vivid I felt I had to write it. I wrote in secret at first as I wanted to write the story for me but then I showed it to a friend and she really loved it and she encouraged me to try and contact a publisher."

Mrs Malpas said she was rejected by a number of UK publishers before she decided to self-publish via Amazon.

Despite the books similarities to *Fifty Shades of Grey*, Mrs Malpas said she only read E.L. James after she had finished her second book.

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Music festival gets town centre rocking

Hundreds of music lovers enjoyed a free open-air music festival around Northampton's town centre at the weekend.

The seventh annual Northampton Music Festival was held on Sunday.

It featured bands from across the area performing on stages in the Market Square, outside All Saints' Church, in Abington Street and at The Racehorse pub in Abington Square.

Event organiser, Jo Burns, said: "It went fantastically well. People really loved it. I couldn't be happier."

"It was wonderful to see so many local bands being appreciated, because that's what the festival is all about, it's all about Northampton."

Music lovers also agreed the festival was a success.

Abington resident, Duncan Bisatt, watched Northampton band, An Escape Plan, perform on the steps of All Saints' Church.

He said: "The music has



Local acts performed to large crowds at venues in the town centre

been great and it's a nice thing to have in the town centre. There's a really nice vibe.

"And it's good to have local acts involved. It makes it feel more of a local event."

Dave Winborne, of Delapre, added: "It's fantastic. I think Northampton should do more of this kind of thing. The Northampton Alive Festival at

Delapre last week was great, but it's really nice to give the stage over to local acts. There's some really good music being made in Northampton right now."

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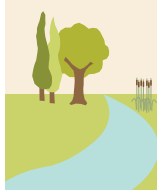
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Both schemes are available at Harmans Chase in Weedon Bec, Tove Grange in Towcester and Scholars Place in Hardingstone.

Helen McGill, area sales manager for Redrow Homes (South Midlands), explains: "Our New Heritage Collection homes are much sought-after and while people love the idea of moving to a brand new home they perhaps think they won't be able to manage it. They either think they can't afford to move, particularly if they don't have a large cash deposit, or they fear they will be held back if they have a property to sell. Customers are often pleasantly surprised to learn of the different incentives we offer and how they can benefit.

"For example, unlike previous help schemes, Help to Buy isn't just for first time buyers but can be used by other groups of purchasers including second steppers, growing families and those starting over. By offering people the chance to take out an equity loan for up to 20% of the price, Help to Buy increases borrowers' purchase capacity enabling them to afford somewhere bigger than they would otherwise on the open market.

"Plus, because they only need a 4% deposit, it's great not just for first time buyers but also those who bought when house prices were at their peak and perhaps don't have as much equity in their current home as they would like."

Those who purchase a property with Help to Buy will typically need to raise a 4% deposit and secure a mortgage for 76% of the property's full value. The remaining 20% share is covered by the equity loan, which is interest free for five years and can be repaid when the customer has more funds available or when they resell. Alternatively downsizers or those who want to climb up the housing ladder could use Redrow's Mastermove scheme to secure a buyer



for the property they need to sell first. The developer will appoint an estate agent to market the client's existing property. Then, once the deal is agreed, Redrow will pay the agent's fees and the customer can go on to buy one of the brand new homes.

"It's even possible they could use Mastermove to get themselves to the point of being 'sold subject to contract' and then go on to use Help to Buy to purchase their brand new home. Our recommended new homes mortgage specialists can advise them of the options," Helen adds.

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BUILDING ON REPUTATION IN NORTHANTS



THE instant success of Redrow's newest venture in Northamptonshire is proof of the house builder's reputation and commitment to quality.

Already selling its New Heritage Collection homes at Tove Grange in Towcester and Harmans Chase in Weedon Bec, Redrow recently launched the Scholars Place development in Hardingstone, where the first property was sold within five minutes of the sales office opening.

Between the three locations the developer has plenty to offer buyers. Whichever development

and style of home they choose, they can rest assured it will be finished to Redrow's high standard.

Helen McGill, area sales manager for Redrow Homes (South Midlands), says: "Established almost 40 years ago, Redrow is a brand that homebuyers in Northamptonshire know and trust. They recognise that we have a reputation

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"Just 18 months after we launched Harmans Chase we're nearing a sell-out, properties at Tove Grange are continuing to sell well and Scholars Place has been an instant success with 10 sales in the first few weeks. Buyers at all three locations tell us they love how we have combined the traditional charm and character of 'period' properties, with the style and convenience of brand new homes."

Externally, Redrow's New Heritage Collection gives a nod to the past, taking inspiration from the architecture of the Arts & Crafts era. Inside, however, they are bright and modern with a high specification as standard.

Open plan layouts put stylish, yet practical kitchens at the very heart of the homes. The kitchens are well equipped with integrated top brand name appliances including oven, hob, microwave and fridge freezer, plus tall cabinets and extra wide drawers that offer plenty of storage. The properties enjoy the

convenience of utilities or laundries to keep the washer and dryer out of the kitchen.

From family bathrooms and en-suites through to master bedrooms and downstairs cloakrooms, all benefit from sleek suites with quality fixtures and fittings.

The homes also come with many items buyers may not expect to be included as standard.

At Harmans Chase in Weedon Bec, the remaining homes offer a choice of four-bedroom designs that are build complete and ready to move into from £209,950.

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SPORT

Cobblers ready for big kick-off

New signing Amankwaah set for debut at York

FOOTBALL

The Cobblers have completed the signing of right-back Kevin Amankwaah after a successful trial - and he is expected to go straight into the Town starting line-up for their opening game of the Sky Bet League Two season at York City on Saturday.

The 31-year-old played in the recent friendly matches against Peterborough United, Corby Town and a Stoke City development squad, and did enough to impress Town boss Aidy Boothroyd.

Amankwaah, who has amassed almost 350 career appearances, has earned a one-year deal at Sixfields with the option of a further 12 months.

And Boothroyd is pleased to have secured the former Exeter City player's signature ahead of the start of the new season, which begins at Bootham Crescent on Saturday.

"Kevin has impressed me during pre-season and the homework we have done on him is all positive," said Boothroyd.

"He is exactly what we

need. He has a presence, he is good size but he is a footballing full back.

"He knows all about league two and what is required.

"He is a promotion winner in the past and he is a good professional to be coming in to our dressing room."

The Cobblers completed their pre-season build up on Tuesday night with a friendly against Sky Bet Championship neighbours Leicester City at Sixfields.

That followed on from Saturday's 2-1 win over a Stoke City Development team.

On the mark with the first goal in that game was striker JJ Hooper, who put pen to paper on a one-year deal at the Cobblers last week, and who could end up leading the line alongside Roy O'Donovan at York City.

That is because Alex Nicholls is still missing, and Clive Platt is also out this weekend with a niggling calf problem.

Also missing for the Cobblers at York will be captain Kelvin Langmead, who is out for three months following a knee operation, and winger Chris Hackett (Achilles).



HAPPY MAN - Cobblers striker JJ Hooper enjoys his opening goal in last weekend's 2-1 friendly win over a Stoke City Development team

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Levi to miss T20 quarter-final

NORTHANTS will be without Richard Levi for their Friends Life T20 last eight tie after he received a call-up for South Africa A.

The opener, who has been an integral part of the Steelbacks' successful campaign, has been named in the squad for the one-day triangular event with the A teams from Australia and India in Pretoria which gets under way early next week.

As a result, he will be unavailable for the club's home knockout tie which will be played on either Tuesday,

Wednesday or Thursday but he could return for finals day at Edgbaston on August 17 should they make it that far.

Head coach David Ripley said: "We knew that there was risk when we signed Richard.

"It's a bit unfortunate from our point of view but this has to take precedence for him.

"It's definitely a blow because he's a matchwinner with the bat, but more than one or two people have had to perform for us to get this

far so it isn't something that we can't handle."

It isn't cut and dried that a return would be on the cards should next week's game be successfully negotiated, and Ripley stated that is a bridge to be crossed should the situation arise.

He continued: "We'd probably need to find some finance to make that happen but we'd hope to make it work.

"With the time difference being only a couple of hours he could quite easily get here on a Wednesday or Thursday

and play on a Saturday so we'd have to look at it.

"He's enjoyed his time here and been great among the lads and we'd like to have him back."

The Steelbacks wrapped up their T20 Mid/West/Wales group campaign last night when they took on Worcestershire Royals at the County Ground.

Northants return to red ball action and their bid for promotion from the LV= Championship Division Two on Friday when they host Gloucestershire.



SOUTH AFRICA CALL-UP - Steelbacks batsman Richard Levi